

## FSC organizes letter campaign

by Christine Wilson  
Strobe staff

On October 18, 1989 Fitchburg State College students voiced their concerns regarding the future of public higher education. The rally showed the Dukakis administration that state college students will no longer be apathetic to their misguided political maneuvers. The rally was a major step in the pursuit to end further fee increases, but it can't be the last.

While the rally is still in the minds of the legislature, the cause should still be in the minds of students, faculty and administrators. On Thursday November 9th from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in G-lobby FSC students can participate in another rally. The rally's main focus will be to explain to students and faculty the importance of sending letters to their legislators.

"The rally was great, but we can emphasize the impact with continued letters," explains Dana Harrington, student trustee.

On Friday October 27th Terry Carrol, assistant to the president for administration met with Harrington; Julie Flynn, Vice President of SGA; Professor Charlie Hetzel, Education department; and Faith Antilla, head of the Faculty Union to discuss the details of a letter writing campaign.

Hetzel, who has worked on various campaigns and helped to originate this one, feels that people don't generally write without encouragement. He feels that it is very important

that the students receive assistance and support when writing such a letter.

"I think our leaders should hear from us; they should hear what we stand for. Not what the media represented," said Hetzel.

Carrol stressed that there are two objectives students should consider when writing to their legislator:

1. Short range objective - each student's education is at stake.

2. Long range objective - there may be serious long range repercussions if public higher education is cut more.

The rally will consist of several student speakers, circulating model letters, as well as allowing students to ask any questions they may have regarding the letter writing process.

Harrington said that the letters should be personal, short, and to the point. "It is important that the letters are personal. Students should explain how they as individuals, are affected."

The week following the rally there will be a table set up in G-lobby with packets filled with sample letters, addresses of representatives and senators, as well as free stationery and stamps to be purchased.

Whether you participated in the October 18th rally or not you can still voice your opinion and make a difference. A letter takes approximately ten minutes to write. But it is ten minutes that may save your future. So please pick up a pen and save public higher education.

## SGA has plenty to say

by Maria Mewing  
Strobe staff

The October 24th meeting of Student Government Association was very eventful. Session number four had a many pleas for action as it did points to ponder.

Starting with a commendation for the October 18th rallying efforts, SGA president, William McCarty discussed the negative effects of the implied budget cuts. A committee was established to invoke letter writing to legislators. Vice President Julie Flynn addressed the negative points focused on by the media. She pointed out the effectiveness that telephoning had on one television station between its 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. coverage, and urged council members to write Don Feger of the Boston Herald and the producers of channels 4 and 7 in an effort to change their views on the subject. Flynn's point was to ask the these professionals about how many of their co-workers were products of public higher education. It is her belief that using this point may somewhat alter the negative perceptions

held by these members of the news media.

Poster policy and office hours were among other topics discussed during the Executive portion of the agenda. No signs are to exceed three feet by three feet and will be more strictly enforced from now on.

Council members who missed office hours had their names read aloud and received a verbal reprimand. When asked if there were any penalties for missing duties, SGA President McCarty explained that currently the constitution was being reviewed for them. If there were no penalties found, McCarty promised action to institute disciplinary measures against members failing to perform their elected duties.

Several upcoming conferences were brought to light including the Society Organized Against Racism (SOAR) meeting to be held mid-November. Also, a Leadership conference will be held at the end of January. A call for potential delegates went out and they were asked to address

the Public Information Officer, William LaBaire.

Motions 15 and 16 passed unanimously, instating Kelly Stanley and Michelle Twining as Representatives for the Class of 1992.

A day care vendor has also been signed on to begin service in the spring semester. Priority will be given to FSC students, FSC faculty, and then any other interested parties.

Once again, in the closing reports, the Neighborhood Relations Committee repeated the desire of local residents for a quieter environment after 10:30 p.m. It seems several members of the student body habitually shout and sing late into the night, making it difficult for parents to keep children asleep and for the entire household to wake up in the morning. A request was made that all leaders set examples and pass on the message to their constituents.

SGA meets regularly Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in rooms G-04 and 05 of the Hammond Building. Anyone interested is welcome.

## Party tyme loses sponsor

by Christine Houle and  
Maria Krembrenk  
Strobe staff

Have you noticed a change in the Monoosnock posters around campus? The ROTC has withdrawn their sponsorship with Party Tyme Productions due to complaints from campus students. Several Fitchburg State College students felt that the posters were offensive and sexually connotating.

Raoul Archambault, Officer in Charge of ROTC, responded to these complaints by ending

the ROTC's sponsorship of Party Tyme Productions, however the cheerleaders have continued to back Party Tyme.

Archambault felt that it was beyond his privilege as a Federal Officer to get involved in a public relations battle regardless of his opinion. From the beginning, it was known that only one group's disapproval would be necessary for a declination in the ROTC sponsorship.

Archambault believes that it was "a no win situation".

At the beginning, the agreement was a positive

one in which Party Tyme agreed to allow ROTC to bring the advertisements to the Student Government Association for approval. "I felt it was pretty well controlled," said Archambault.

The guidelines for SGA's poster policy can not include sexual connotations or alcohol prices, and alcohol may not be the main objective of the ad.

There were no hard feelings resulting from ROTC's withdrawal from Party Tyme.

"They understand exactly what my position was," commented Archambault.

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## Students should be proud

To the Editor:

The extraordinary response of Fitchburg State College students at the Statehouse rally of October 18, 1989, is cause for celebration among all of the college family. Everyone's shoulders should be a little straighter and head a little taller.

The past month has been especially difficult at our college because of budget cuts created by mismanagement at the state level. Quality at our institution is suffering because people in state government have permitted fiscal neglect to reach a point where monies budgeted at the college are being taken away resulting in additional direct costs to our students.

At the Boston Rally as many as 15,000 students and staff protested aloud that we seek justice for our colleges.

While we understand the need for balancing the budget, we expect that fairness requires us to pay only our fair share of the burden. We recently are being asked

to pay for deficiencies in other areas of state government while we are operating on a basic "bread and butter" budget.

In spite of relatively few student hooligans, who received more than their share of publicity, it is becoming clearer as each day passes that the student message was heard at the Statehouse. While it is true that more students should vote, it is equally true that more are voting each year. I think this year more of you will register and vote and I expect that the legislators share that same feeling.

In addition, you should be letting your newspapers, radio and television stations know of your dissatisfaction with their reporting of the events. While you may not be seen as voters, you are certainly understood to be major consumers. Media organizations depend upon you when they are selling advertising, and you should let them know how furious you are at the unbalanced reporting of

the great Rally that occurred on the 18th.

In the weeks ahead, we will be making special efforts on campus for voter registration and letter writing to elected state officials. I am confident that you will respond vigorously to these activities.

The trip to Boston has provided me with a lift in spirit that is impossible to adequately express in words. I said at the time that every student came back to the campus 2" taller than when they first got on the bus. I meant in saying that that I sensed the pride that the students had in being able to pull off the most significant public expression of protest that this state has seen in decades. You do have the power and you must use it again and again this year in order to help the college get its fair share of future budgets, and be proud of your great accomplishments on that historic day - October 18, 1989.

Vincent J. Mara  
President

### Please pardon our appearance



The Strobe is undergoing a transition to a desktop publishing system. You should notice a change in our appearance. Please be patient with our format. We welcome any comments or suggestions you might have. In the long run this transition will save FSC thousands of dollars.

## Announcements...

G.A.L.A. (Gay and Lesbian Alliance) is a support group to help gay's and lesbian's in the FSC community. For more information contact Counseling Services at ext. 3152 or H313 (Hammond building).

Deadline for submitting proof of immunization and health forms if you began school at FSC in September 1989 is November 10th. You will not be allowed to register for next semester's classes if this is not done. If you have any questions please see someone in Health Services immediately.

### Correction

In the November 1, 1989 edition of The Strobe, there was an error in the article entitled "Academic success center provides study skills". The article stated that the only accredited course offered is in the reading skills program. The Writing skills center also offers a one credit course.

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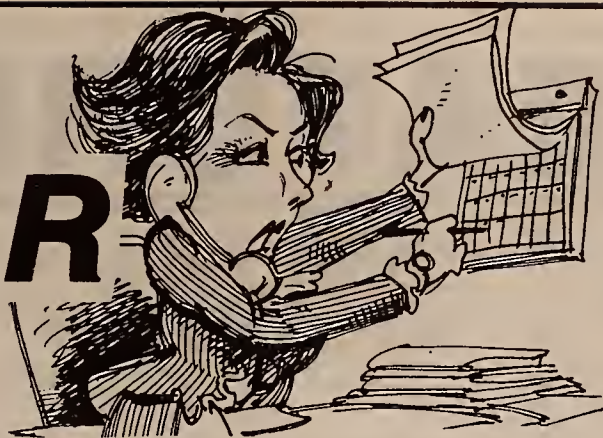
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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Week of November 8 - 15



**Wednesday, November 8**

**BROWN BAG LUNCH:** Robert Tapply will speak on "The Loss of Cultural Literacy" today at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch or order a bag lunch by contacting the McKay office by 11/16. all are invited to attend.

**NOONTIME NOTES:** "Takt", flute and harpsichord duet, 12:30 p.m., Hammond Main Lounge.

**INTERCOLLEGIATE BAND FESTIVAL:**  
7:30 p.m., Weston Auditorium.

**ACC LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:**  
3:00 p.m., Miller Oval Room.

**FILM:** "Airplane!" 3:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m., E. White Lecture Hall. Trans American Flight 208 carries a very strange collection of characters. "Airplane!" is one of the wildest comedies ever made.

**Thursday, November 9**

**LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN:**  
As a follow up to the student rally on 10/18, a massive letter writing campaign is under way. Information will be available today at 1:30 p.m. on the Quad. (Rain location is G-lobby).

**ACOA MEETING:**  
3:30 p.m., G-05

**Friday, November 10**

**VETERAN'S DAY- NO CLASSES.**  
**CAMPUS CENTER HOURS:** Noon to midnight.  
**LIBRARY HOURS:** noon to 11:00 p.m.



**Saturday, November 11**

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Will be provided tonight by Amnesty International, FSC, and WXPL Radio beginning at 8:00 p.m. All ages are welcome.

**Sunday, November 12**

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Question of the Week  
Strobe photos by Andica Wallace

Are You planning to write to your legislator about the budget cuts?



A. I've already written. I was impressed by the turn out at the rally. We need to continue pressuring the legislature. - **Kelly Sutcliffe**



A. Yes. I think it's important that the legislators get feedback on this issue. An organized effort in this matter would help even more. - **Maria Mewing**



A. Yes I am. I think it's important that we all speak our minds. - **Jim Pope**



A. Yes, Writing to our legislators could have a significant impact on our future education. Our voices would be heard and this could help curb future cuts. - **Jennifer Varno**

*Question  
of the Week*



# FEATURES

## If you don't have it, your gonna get it *Mid-semester blues*

by Christine Leccese  
Strobe staff

It's kind of scary isn't it? You know, the beginning of the semester when you realize that you have all that work ahead of you, but then again you think, "relax, I DO have an entire semester, a whole three months, to get this stuff done." Then, all of a sudden someone innocently says it... "Can you believe there are only 5 weeks left in the semester?" Panic strikes while your brain processes an overload of term papers, books, projects, and midterms. Things are starting to get blurry now.

Like a good student, you promise yourself to be a rested onlooker to exam cramming, and to start NOW. There you sit, with the greatest of intentions. Let the rationalizing begin! I'll start "today" turns into "this afternoon" which grows into "after my soap opera" which eventually leads you to "there's only an hour before dinner, I'll work after that." College students are certainly no strangers to this type of thinking, and the recent Indian summer has not made these things easier, ex-

cept of course those carefully thought out rationalizations.

Don't let what seems to be a sudden, overwhelming surge of work get you down. Don't think that you're the only student who stares at that blank writing pad soon to be your term paper, considering the consequences of withdrawing from school. Students of all kinds and majors, at all different schools have similar feelings. Soon enough, one of your more laid back friends will inadvertently make you feel silly by never even mentioning her school work.

Of course, none of this proposes a solution to the mid-term blues. The only thing a student can do is to discipline him or herself. Remember, if good intentions got us through college, everyone would have degrees. Seeing as they obviously don't, try your hardest to turn those intentions into academic energy, and save yourself from the agony of completing ten pages in one night. One final note that certainly won't add any cheer is that after all this is over, you can start looking forward to finals.

## Tilted Paintings on display

by Bridget Douillete  
Strobe staff

Through November 10th you can view the geometric abstractions of Andy Syrbick at the Campus Center Art Gallery. The exhibit is called "Tilted Paintings."

Andy Syrbick is a member of the faculty at the Boston Museum School where he teaches painting, drawing, and anatomy. He has exhibited his work in galleries and museums throughout Massachusetts as well as in New York, Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Syrbick has received a number of awards and grants from sources such as the Miller Foundation, the Massachusetts Artists Fellowship Program and

various painting competitions. His characteristic angularity and simplistic geometric forms and patterns provide strong emphasis on two-dimensionality. This can be viewed in his recent work, which investigates the effect that these forms have on our perception of color.

Two students who attended the gallery opening, said that his work was simple. One felt that his work looked like "Something anyone could do."

However, if you step up close to his work, you can study the perfection he places on his artwork.

If you have ever taken a design or color course, or are in a graphic arts major at FSC, you would certainly appreciate his straight lines, crisp edges and bold colors.

## Date rape is a felony *No means No*

by Elaine Rae Murphy  
Student Health Services

The crime of rape is surrounded by a lot of myth. The most commonly accepted fallacy is that rape has something to do with passion, lust or even love.

Changing attitudes have redefined rape and it is now viewed sociologically and legally not as a sexual crime of passion and lust, but as a violent crime.

In 1974 the rape statute was rewritten to include both men and women as potential victims by the police, the courts, and the hospitals. In this article I refer to the victim as a woman.

Date rape is a crime that is known by several other names like; acquaintance rape, social rape or silent rape. Date rape is sexual assault against a woman committed by someone the victim knows. The rapist could be a date or any other acquaintance, such as a classmate or co-worker. Because the usual picture we have of a rapist is a stranger in the night, it is difficult to convince ourselves that sexual assault by an acquaintance is rape. To understand date rape it is important to understand how the law defines rape.

Legally rape is defined as, "Having sexual intercourse with a person and compelling such person to submit by force and against his will, or compelling such person to submit by threat of bodily injury." Under Massachusetts Law, rape is a felony offense (a crime punishable by death or imprisonment in a state prison). In order to convict a person of rape, the prosecution must prove: sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse against the will of the person and by force or threat of bodily injury. In the light of date rape, we are looking at sexual intercourse against the will of the person. In

Massachusetts, intercourse is considered to be committed by force or against the person's will if the person is unconscious, asleep, drugged, intoxicated or mentally deranged or deficient so that he or she cannot agree to the act.

Typically, women who have been the victims of date rape feel fear, shock, confusion, disbelief, degradation, loss of control and self blame. In fact preoccupation with self blame and being overcome with guilt are responses that prevent the assault by an acquaintance from being seen as rape. It is important to understand, however, that sexual activity must be mutually agreed upon and that when a woman says "no" to sex, a normal man stops. He may complain or brood. He may accuse her of leading him on. He may not see her again but a normal man will not use force to get what he wants. That fact can get clouded by feelings of blame and degradation after by the victim of date rape.

While understanding Massachusetts law regarding rape and dispelling the myth that the key elements of rape involve lust and passion, it is important to also attack the notion that the victim is responsible for things going "too far" and somehow caused sexual frustration. Men who rape are not sexually frustrated, they are violently out of control.

Because of confusion surrounding date rape as opposed to stranger rape, victims of this crime are more reluctant to press charges. The following are some of the common reasons for not reporting a rape: fear of being disbelieved, confusion about responsibility (led him on), concern that friends and family will suspect that she was responsible (asked for it) and fear that the trial would be too exposing and destructive.

One question frequently asked is, "Why is it that some men who

date rape see themselves as oversexed rather than as rapists?" This is probably to some extent due to societal pressures. Men are taught that they are supposed to be aggressive and can lose control when they are "led on" and that women often "ask for it." They are often told, by other men, that "no" does not mean no.

To overcome these conflicting cultural messages, it is important to take the responsibility of communicating your wishes regarding sex. Don't be afraid to say "no" even without explanation. Both partners need to know and communicate what the limits are in terms of social and sexual behavior.

Besides assertive communication, the most important key to preventing acquaintance rape is to avoid vulnerable situations. For example, excessive use of alcohol and/or drugs by both men and women interferes with clear thinking and good judgment. Another practical rule of thumb is to avoid secluded places on a first date or with someone who you don't know well. Staying in groups makes good sense.

If you are raped, go for help. A woman who has been raped needs emotional support. A woman who has been raped also needs medical assistance and counseling assistance. A medical exam will detect non-apparent injury as well as provide screening for venereal disease and pregnancy. Women who have been raped can get medical assistance and/or counseling at Student Health Services. Counseling is available through Counseling Services. For legal assistance contact Campus Security, which is staffed by women officers who are sensitive and experienced in rape crisis, or call the Police Department. Men who are coercive or abusive in relationships with women can get help through Counseling Services.

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# FEATURES

## Second photo teleconference set for tomorrow

by Michelle Long  
Strobestaff

On Thursday, November 9, Fitchburg State College will host the second Kodak Teleconference featuring Boston Globe photographer Bill Greene and photographic storyteller Duane Michaels.

Broadcast live from Rochester Institute of Technology, the first satellite transmission, "Color," featured the works of noted commercial photographer, Jay Maisel.

According to the Vice President of Kodak, Maisel is "a prodigious producer of images and collector of objects." This was clearly visible as the camera scanned through his studio.

Jay Maisel's primary interests lie in light, color, and gesture, and how he can portray these elements in his images. He feels that "photogra-

phy is a license to steal experiences," and as photographers "you should let things affect you, rather than affecting them."

For the beginning photographer, Maisel advised that you should always bring your camera, never say that you will do it later, and stressed the point that pictures should not only answer questions, but ask them as well.

After showing a cross section of his work, phone lines were opened allowing students to speak directly with Maisel.

The four part series is being sponsored by the Communications/Media department. Other broadcasts will take place February 15 and April 5. All will begin at 12:45 p.m. and shown in the Richard Kent Recital Hall of the Conlon Music Building. All shows are open to the public.

## Dr. Kimmel lectures about "A.I.D.S. and Rumors"

by Wendy Rich  
Strobestaff

"Condoms: Safer Modern And Really Trendy", "Men, use condoms or beat it", "Rumors are spreading faster than A.I.D.S." These are just some of the advertisements used by organizations to promote public awareness about the transmission of A.I.D.S. (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

Dr. Allan Kimmel, Associate Professor of Behavioral Sciences, discussed these ads, as well as the rumors people believe about A.I.D.S. during his Harvard Lecture, "Rumors and A.I.D.S."

The presentation started with facts about A.I.D.S. The spread of A.I.D.S. is controllable. It is transmitted by people. It is not caused by casual contact. One out of every

39,000 people will contract A.I.D.S. from a blood transfusion which is considered a low risk factor. That was the good news according to Kimmel.

Now the bad news. Two out of every 1,000 students have been found to have AIDS.

Many people have misconceptions about A.I.D.S. They believe that they are 'too nice' to have A.I.D.S. Others don't know that A.I.D.S. is really out there and believe it doesn't exist. The truth is, someone dies every 12 minutes from the A.I.D.S. virus.

Even with all the facts about A.I.D.S. available to the public, there are still misconceptions about the disease.

When a survey was given to seventh and eighth graders, it was found that more than 50 percent of the students believed that they

should not touch someone with A.I.D.S.

This was just one of the many rumors Kimmel introduced during his lecture based on his research.

According to Kimmel, the spread of rumors is the "anxiety and uncertainty" a person feels about a subject. These "unconfirmed propositions" gain popularity when the contents spread is ambiguous. People try to establish its meaning to make it important. A person will repeat a rumor for two reasons; their belief in the rumor or, their attempt to find out more information from others.

Dr. Kimmel has done extensive research on this topic of "Rumors and A.I.D.S." and did not have the time to share all of his research. At the opening of his presentation he quoted Voltaire, "If I had more time this would be shorter."

## Home for Christmas

by Robert Davies  
Strobestaff

Can you remember your first Christmas, or the ones following? Have they all blended into one euphoric memory that is childhood? Assuredly the memories of Christmas and the holidays are filled with happiness and joy, but most importantly they are filled with family.

Imagine waking on Christmas morning, the bottom of the tree swelled with gifts and trinkets, kittens fiddling with the tinsel; the mishapen stockings lying on the floor spilling candy and toys, too heavy to hang on the fireplace. Windows frosted, the sill puffed with freshly fallen snow and silence.

Now imagine hearing only the echoes of past Christmas, the laughter of forgotten faces and the warmth of remembered love. There is no one else in the house because your family is thousands of miles away celebrating Christmas under different stars, their only memory of you, a brief glimpse years before.

While this is an exaggeration, in the mind of a four year old child, it could be real enough. Lebelo Makhene, a young child living in South

Africa, could awaken to a similar scene. His mother, Tebogo Mekhene, is studying Communications/Media here at Fitchburg State College and has no means to return home for the upcoming semester break.

A collection is being made to raise the necessary \$1800 for airfare and travel costs that will allow Tebogo Mekhene to be with her son for the holidays. \$900 has already been raised among the faculty, staff and trustees of FSC. All of the student body is being asked to contribute to this worthy cause. If every FSC student gave only 25 cents or every fourth student gave a dollar, the money could be raised.

Contributions can be made at collection points at the Campus Bookstore, Commuter's Cafeteria, Holmes Dining Common and the Newman Center. Contributions may also be mailed to: Tebogo Mekhene, c/o Reverend Richard Lendowski

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Once a ceiling limit is reached (approx. 80) we  
will no longer accept personals for that week.

# PERSONALS

Personals are 35 cents and a Personals table  
is set up every Wednesday in G-Lobby.  
We reserve the right to edit personals.

Due to the extreme popularity of the personals page this week, we are unable to publish all of them. Those that do not appear, will be seen in next week's edition.

To Skateless Dunn  
How about my "Bay States" coat.  
Name the time & place (Dianes)  
Veen-Dog

Little Mud,  
You know you always have a friend.  
"Don't let the bed bugs bite"

Love, Mud

Hey Adelprian Pledges,  
Black becomes you!  
Stay together & Keep strong

To Skateless Gordol  
Thanks for the CCM TAC's they fit  
Comfortably. P.S. Did you get them custom fitted.

Signed: Excellent Five Fingers

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One who can bring your girlfriend  
to the Apt. while your with another girl. See Jeff M.

The New 1:00 a.m. Chick,  
Kathleen, on retirement  
Wendy.

Decoy

Dawn,  
Thanks for listening to me all those times. You're really a great person.  
You Know Who

Lauren  
Just kidding, Love ya,  
MJ

M&B  
How are those SUITE dreams?  
Leah

Tidy Bowl Woman,  
Every dark tunnel has a lighter hope, so don't hang yourself with a celibate rope!  
Moni&Leah

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Janine,  
Get ready for "Janine's Excellent Legal Adventure"...  
There's not much time left!!

Tori, Traci&Pam,  
The pumpkin carving was a huge success!  
What's next, a turkey carving party, maybe?  
Love,  
F

Jenna,  
Who was the dude chasing you the other night with no skirt on and a pair of pants in his hands?!

To two of the 3G's,  
I think it is time to start our stress release and gossip trips again, what do you say?  
The 3rd G

To all Fusian Students  
We made it! Congratulations!  
Sandra

To Aubuchon 9th floor,  
Thanks for everything, especially the Pennies.

Congratulations on winning the Halloween Contest. I am a normal person now, so no more neglect. You're the greatest!  
Love, Sandra

To Jeff M.  
You are so good looking. I can't wait until we meet again. I love you when you wear your celtic underwear and Don Bosco football shirt. I love you.  
Dawn

Andrea W.-  
It's funny how you remind me of Little Orphan Annie!

Dawn,  
You are lacking will power! This bet is mine!  
Love, Michelle  
P.S. I use Dash

Bubba, Bull,  
Lia, Bina, Bom, Will, Wizzid, Neil,  
You boys got nothin'! Who's gonna be next for you know who.

KAM  
I wub you.  
REM  
Fatboy,  
Steal any paychecks lately?  
Johnny Cash

Michelle,  
Da, da, da, ba, ba, ba.  
Happy, hi, hello. Go to Disneyland. Hi, ho, hi, ho.  
Ed B.  
Hey sexy, looking forward to 11/17.  
Suzi

Z,  
Nail that internship. Now I'm the only one left. I think 53 Cedar may miss you but then again you'll be up!

Hey Lisa J.  
Thanks for helping with the personals.  
Ed

Sac,  
next time I come over at 11:00, I'll make sure I don't have a 8:30

F

Wizzard of CR7,  
Without your powers the suite would be Evil.  
P.S. Don't get Cocky

Moe,  
What do you say we go jogging on Thursday???

Love ya!

Lisa

To my roommates at 137  
Ya-mother  
L.B.'s

Laurie B,  
I don't know I was thinking maybe we could go to the beach, the mountains or dinner:  
P.S. we just don't click  
love, Us!

Diane,  
Remember MODERATION is the key.

Mark,  
I really promise I'll come by this Thursday! Only if you buy some new wine!

Me

DENISE, #15  
DID HE DECEIVE ME,  
AND DO ME WRONG  
GIRL... LEAVING IS THE THING TO DO...  
BECAUSE I'M NO LONGER SATISFIED!  
LOVE, ROBERTA #13

JACK,  
I WISH YOU WOULD SHOW ME A LITTLE RESPECT  
AND STOP TREATING ME LIKE A JERK.

LOVE,  
SHELLA

#22,  
EVERY STEP YOU TAKE,  
EVERY BREATH YOU MAKE  
(AND EVERY CHINESE RESTAURANT YOU STAND IN) I'LL BE WATCHING YOU!!  
THE POLICE (MAN)

Brian J.  
Project X has been cancelled. Please do not refer to it anymore.  
Michelle

Hey Bagel,  
You look great in a skirt! Your mascara was a little too much. I hear you're the starting center on the girls' team!

Katie&Jara

Lia,  
Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's off to work  
you go. Isn't that right?

Stephen,  
This one's for you.

A

Sal,  
You're a great guy even if you are a simply marvelous person! By the way-  
I'm not daffy!

Lynne C.,  
Hey Rugbucker, which part of the road do you drive on??? - Jenn B

Lynne,  
It's not Mr. Right, it's Mr. Right now!!! I like that!!  
Jenn

S.H.  
I heard your lonely, but someone cares!

Firey,  
Happy B-day! Welcome to the 21 Club! Look out Boston, here we come!  
Jules

Leah,  
Next time we all go on a nature walk, I'll be sure to bring a crowbar to peel your upper lip off of your teeth!  
Moni

Michelle,  
Thank you for being such a great shoulder to cry on.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS!  
THANKS A WICKED LOT FOR THE SURPRISE PARTY.  
WE REALLY ENJOYED

Michelle,  
How's the pad lock holding up? Let me know when someone finds the key to success.  
Signed, Yo baby what s'up?

L,B,&C,  
Quote of the week... You could have waited until I said I loved you and put on my favorite Barry Mannilow 8 track tape!

7th Floor Aub.  
Corn chips anyone?

80 North  
Don't forget the bible  
Love, your mother

Girls Night Out:  
Drinking everything.  
Falling down everywhere.  
Throwing up anywhere.  
Waking up somewhere.  
Coming home anytime.  
Being friends forever.  
Hmm,  
hows your life?

Marsden,  
All she wants to do is dance? Is that all you want to do.  
Diamond

New Dorm #7  
Great Keg party! Let's have another and get some more 15 year olds drunk. This time 15 year old girls!

Bob,  
You cutie! Come up and see me sometime.  
Friend from home

Hey Jason,  
You're a babe. Maybe another time, another place.

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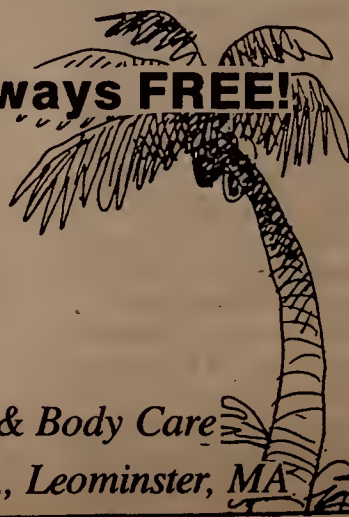
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# ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

## "Comix" Forum

by Dan McDermott  
Strobe staff

This column discusses the latest releases from the major comic book companies.

Marvel Comics has announced the spring release of a fourth Spiderman title. The title of the book will simply be named Spiderman. The series will be drawn by Todd McFarlane.

The remaining members of the now defunct independent comic book company Renegade Press recently organized a new publishing company under the name of Special Studio. The first comic book release from Special Studio, entitled The Snake, will be shipped to comic book shops in December.

DC Comics is planning two new comic book series: Time Masters, which stars a time traveling hero named Rip Hunter, and a new Green Lantern comic book series.

David Micheline has stopped writing the

comic book Ironman for Marvel as of issue #250. Ralph Macchio will write issues #251 & #252. Bob Layton will write and ink the book as of issue #253. The new penciller will be long time marvelite John Romita Jr.

Marvel has cancelled their black and white magazine adaption of Nightmare On Elm Street. The last issue will be #2.

DC's scheduled release of the Arkham Asylum graphic album, their latest Batman project, has been delayed until December.

James D. Hudnall and John Ridgeway are working on a new graphic novel (graphic novels are larger comic books printed on expensive paper) for Marvel called The Agent. The story revolves around a freelance mercenary who finds himself pitted against the Kingpin, a notorious Marvel crime leader, and several new villains. This story could be interesting.

See you soon in the next Comix Forum.

## Commentary

Sometimes the old ways are the best ways

by Stephen Gomes  
Strobe staff

1989 has turned out to be quite an interesting year musically. The Rolling Stones, The Who, Paul McCartney, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Jethro Tull, The Doobie Brothers; the list goes on. All of the aforementioned artists are between 10 and 20 years past their prime, yet in 1989, they are still making critically superior music compared to a good 70 percent of the modern day music world.

Why is that so? I've come up with a couple of reasons.

The financial factor: This is easily the most important. Music has always been a business, but it has never been as lucrative as it is today. People are going into the music just for the money. They buy a synthesized keyboard, complete with a drum machine, a backup band and a synthesized musical output. Synthesizer in hand, they travel to the nearest recording

studio, and play a few notes for the engineer. He gets one of his writer's to add words to it, and he signs the "artist". The record goes on to sell at least 1,000,000 copies and is played in modern day discos throughout the world. Instant stardom, instant money.

As a result, music separates into two different entities: art and money. The former makes up 20 percent of modern music, and the latter makes up 80 percent. Where the artists once had the ability to create commercial songs on an instrument, now they spend less time, thought, and more money on elaborate synthetic vehicles for their sound.

The musical factor: I know rock 'n' roll may be the easiest form of music to play in the world, but why bother with the preliminaries? Since money is what we are after, let's skip the music lessons and jump to the royalties. Why be bothered with anything else? For example, look at Paula Abdul. The

other day, I curiously looked to see what musicians played on her latest album. I didn't expect much, and I got even less. There was no list. There was only one name. Before that name, in fine print, it read "synthesizer programmed by-." That was it. No drummers, guitarists, nothing but a synthesizer.

Music is an art. People are so devilishly oriented with money and leisure nowadays, that they have forgotten the basics. Nobody wants to use any conscious thought to be entertained these days. And it's not just music either. Politics, sociology, history, english and science, the foundations of society. Man has found that artificiality is more productive than human labor. The music world is just a reminder. What is missing? The lack of the mind, and the lack of the heart. That's why these oldies but goodies have had a resurgence this year. Their music came from their mind and their heart.

## FSC folk group a 'noteable' ensemble

Contributing writer

The glorious voices that can be heard every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. mass in the Newman Center belong to the Newman Center Folk Group.

This semester, 12 students are members of this unique group. There are ten singers and two guitarists. Sophomore Michelle Ricard, is the group's leader this year.

Besides singing on Sundays and Holy Days, the folk group also sings at the Christmas mass in Percival Auditorium. Christmas mass is the most attended mass

of the year; therefore much time is spent preparing for it. In addition to the regular members of the group singing in this mass, several students volunteer and some alumni return to partake in this special mass.

Singing for the folk group is not thought of as something the members have to do every Sunday, but as something they want to do. Singing is spiritually moving, and it is a great get-away from whatever problems the members have encountered during the week.

If you would like to see what the folk group is all about, go to Sunday's mass at the Newman Center.

by Val Allgrove  
Strobe staff

Badlands is the name of the band that ex-Ozzy Osbourne guitarist Jake E. Lee formed after his split with the 'blizzard of Oz.'

Unlike Ozzy, who successfully left Black Sabbath and made it as a solo artist, the band Badlands just doesn't seem to have any necessary parts. Whether it be charisma, strength of personality, or sheer vulgarity that is needed, even the audience at Badlands' shows is feeling that lack.

When Badlands played Boston's on October 18th, a large crowd arrived, but many people left before they completed their set. One member of the crowd stated that, "the most interesting thing about the show was watching

Jake E. Lee's hair. The singer just didn't do a thing for me, and I don't like his voice."

Another concert-goer, who emphasized that she attends every hard rock show in the area, added, "they just don't seem to have their own sound. One song sounds so much like old Whitesnake. It has been on the radio a lot and I thought it was Whitesnake until Badlands played it tonight."

"It's almost like, somebody in a record company grabbed Jake E. Lee and got a band together. It's Jake E. Lee and this bunch of musicians, not a real band who work and play together. There's no sense of band solidarity."

Badlands has some good songs, but I found myself agreeing with her. There is something lacking, whether

its heart, style, or just that they haven't been together more than a year and this is their first tour.

Unlike the band formed by Billy Sheehan, Mr. Big, Badlands also seemed to have something of a "stay away" attitude. They were not interested in talking to one DJ from Stoneham College, who commented that, "their road manager was really rude about it, very cold and unfriendly."

If big hair and a big name guitar player is enough to get a band a record deal with Atlantic Records, I don't think it's enough to make them popular with the rock 'n' roll fans.

Hopefully, Badlands will realize this before the band's name becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

## Badlands is really bad



# SPORTS

## Top ten NCAA picks

by Ray Guarino  
Strobe staff

With the college basketball season less than a month away, it is time for my annual pre-season top 10 predictions. Well, actually this is my first pre-season top 10 poll, but hopefully not my last.

### 1. The University of Nevada Las Vegas

Four starters returning from last year's 29-8 team. They will dominate the Big West Conference again, but this year they should dominate the NCAA tournament as well. Larry Johnson, the top junior college transfer in the country, will be coach Jerry Tarkanian's fifth starter.

### 2. Louisiana State University

Sophomore Chris Jackson may be the best player in the country. After averaging over 30 points per game last year as a freshman, he will make LSU a force for the next three years (that is if he doesn't enter the NBA early). LSU also has three 1988 high school All-Americans ready to contribute after having sat out a year due to proposition 48.

### 3. The University of Michigan

The loss of Glen Rice hurts, but the national champions have four starters returning. Look for Rumeal Robinson to emerge as a real star.

### 4. Syracuse University

Many feel the Orangemen and Georgetown are alike. The major difference is that Syracuse's front court can score. Derric Coleman should be a lottery pick.

### 5. Georgetown University

The best defensive team in the country, but the loss of Charles Smith will hurt the offense. Unless Dwayne Bryant takes over the scoring role, the Hoyas could be in trouble. Alonzo Mourning must stay out of foul trouble.

### 6. The University of Arkansas

Went 25-7 last year and are returning four starters. Eight non-starters are also returning, which gives them a good chance to reach the Final Four.

### 7. The University of Missouri

They should win the Big Eight Conference since Oklahoma lost all their quality players. A great frontcourt with Doug Smith and freshmen Chris Heller (6'10").

### 8. The University of Arizona

Would be higher if not for the loss of Chris Mills to Prop 48. Brian Williams, a 6'10" transfer from Maryland, will be the key. A very difficult schedule will not help.

### 9. Oregon State University

Can win the Pac Ten Conference this year. Returning four starters, including Gary Payton, one of the best guards in the country. This team could finish higher.

### 10. The University of Illinois

Lost three important players last year but have the depth to fill the holes. Kendall Gill must emerge as a star, if he doesn't this team could be in trouble.

## Top ten sporting events of the 80's

by Ed McGill and Dave Walsh  
Strobe staff

As the 1980's come to a close, and we enter the last decade of this century, let's take a look back at the sports world of the 80's. In the coming weeks, we will be giving you a list of what we believe to be the most significant sports stories, both good and bad, of the past ten years. This week we will look at the 10 most significant stories of local sports in the past decade.

### 1. The Miracle Pass

Who can forget Doug Flutie cocking his arm and delivering the Hail Mary of all Hail Mary's right into the arms of Gerard Phelan to beat the University of Miami. The pass has made Doug Flutie the most endeared local sports hero ever.

### 2. World Series, Game #6, 1986

Two outs, two strikes on the batter, and the Red Sox are one strike away from winning the World Series. Bob Stanley delivers a wild pitch, a run scores, and the game is tied. The next batter hits what seems to be a routine ground ball to first, and Bill Buckner watches the ball roll between his legs. The Mets win the game, and eventually the championship.

### 3. 1985 Super Bowl

The worst defeat in Super Bowl history. The Patriots seemed to have used up all their magic and energy in getting there. The game began on a positive and hopeful note. Walter Payton, Mr. Reliable, fumbled and gave the Pats the ball on the Bears 20 yard line.

All the Pats could muster was a field goal. From that point on, Jim McMahon and the rest of the Bears shuffled their way to the championship.

### 4. 1984 NBA Championship

The Boston Celtics vs. the Los Angeles Lakers. One of the heated rivalries in sports history. The Lakers were in control of the series until James Worthy threw an ill-advised pass which was intercepted by Gerald Henderson, who tied game five with one second remaining. The Celtics won that game in overtime. The series went to game seven in the Garden, and well, you know what happens when the Celtics play a game seven in the Garden.

### 5. The death of Len Bias

The third pick overall in the NBA draft. It was a situation of the strong getting stronger. Len Bias, the most athletic player in the draft found himself heading to Boston via some Red Auerbach magic. Three days later Bias was dead. Free basing cocaine was the cause. Boston and the whole sports world was in shock. Len Bias became a bigger influence to kids than he ever would have dreamed. RIP.

### 6. 1988 Stanley Cup Finals

After a grueling seven game series with the underdog New Jersey Devils, the Bruins captured the Whales Conference Championship for the first time since 1977. They ran into a steam roller named the Edmonton Oilers led by Wayne Gretzky. The series was finished in four straight.

### 7. Margo Adams

Wade Boggs, the modern day hitting machine,

admits to having an affair with Margo Adams. Adams wants money and fame for her so-called heartbreak. Boggs is ridiculed by fans and media around the country. However, on opening day in Boston, the home crowd gave Boggs an unprecedented standing ovation.

### 8. 1987 NBA Playoffs

The Celtics are at home for a must win game. The Pistons hold the lead and after a Celtic turnover, the ball. The young Piston team does not call a time out. Instead they try to get the ball in bounds as soon as possible. When out of nowhere comes, who else, Larry Bird. Bird stole the ball, alertly saw Dennis Johnson breaking for the basket and the game was over. The Celtics advanced to the NBA Finals where they lost to the Lakers.

### 9. Esposito's Number is Retired

He finished his career in a New York Rangers uniform, but the memories he left in Boston will never be forgotten. In one of the most touching local sports moments, Ray Bourque took off his jersey, which had the number seven on it, Esposito's number as a Bruin. Underneath, Bourque had his new jersey on and it read #77. He handed his jersey to Esposito, and the number was raised among the banners.

### 10. Fitchburg State College Ends Losing Streak

The Falcons had gone 4 years and 36 games without a win until Vin Bennicasa returned an interception for 96 yards to put the icing on the cake, and an end to the nation's longest losing streak.

## Norway invades FSC

by David Walsh  
Strobe staff

Norway's IL Bergkameratene Men's basketball team will invade Parkinson Gymnasium to play the Fitchburg State College Men's basketball team on Thursday, November 9th.

The Norwegians will attempt to shoot down the high-flying Falcon offense.

IL Bergkameratene, a Norwegian club team, have focused on building one of the country's top squads since 1970. They currently play in the first division, finishing in fifth place out of a field of ten teams last season.

Located in Kongsberg, Norway, the young team ranges from 17 to 26 years of age. Each Norwegian team is allowed to have one American

player on its squad.

The USA is represented by Craig Christensen, a graduate of Minot (S.D.) State University, who uses his 6'6", 200lb. frame to lead IL Bergkameratene.

Head Coach Jorma Mykkanen's team also features 6'4", 190lb. forward Per Christian Olsen and 6'4", 193lb. forward Jan Carl Bruanes. These two players bear watching as the

Norwegian team will come out of the gate fast in order to gain the upper hand on the Falcons.

The game will be played under N.C.A.A. rules with a 45 second shot clock being used in the game.

The visitors hope to gain a cultural lesson as well as playing their games. The team will enjoy a couple of days off on the trip to sight-see in Boston and other parts

of New England.

Fitchburg State College will be one of six N.C.A.A. Division III schools in the New England region to host the Norwegians.

